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Examiner: Brenda H. Pham  
Title: FLOW CONTROL OF DATA UNITS ACROSS A  
BUS BRIDGE AND INTER-BUS  
COMMUNICATION SYSTEM EMPLOYING SAME  
Filing Date: December 2, 1998  
Inventors: Norbert Wegner; Peter Arkadjevich Bliznyuk-Kvitko  
Agent's ref: 81395-72

U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
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May 17, 2002

Dear Sir:

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

I, Norbert Wegner of 19 Blackwood Bay, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3T 5X3,  
make oath and say:

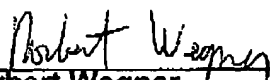
1. I am the first named inventor for United States patent application serial number 09/203,375 filed December 2, 1998, entitled FLOW CONTROL OF DATA UNITS ACROSS A BUS BRIDGE AND INTER-BUS COMMUNICATION SYSTEM EMPLOYING SAME (hereinafter referred to as the "Application") and as such have knowledge of the facts contained herein.
2. The invention disclosed and claimed in the Application was conceived and completed in Canada by myself and my co-inventor (Peter Arkadjevich Bliznyuk-Kvitko) as part of our duties for Northern Telecom Limited, now known as Nortel Networks Limited, which was our

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employer at that time (hereinafter "Nortel"). A confidential invention disclosure submission describing our invention was received by the patent department of Nortel on March 17, 1998. A redacted copy of this invention disclosure submission is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

3. The invention disclosed and claimed in the Application is further described in a confidential drawing I submitted to the patent department of Nortel in April, 1998, a copy of which is attached hereto as exhibit "B". An enlargement of exhibit "B" is attached hereto as exhibit "C".
4. The invention disclosed and claimed in the Application and described in the accompanying exhibits was reduced to practice in Canada and in the United States at least as early as April, 1998 in the form of commercial products manufactured by Nortel, which worked for their intended purpose, including Nortel Reunion NIU Compact PCI chassis products.
5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the Application or any patent issuing thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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May 24, 2002  
Date

Encl.: Exhibit "A": Redacted copy of Invention Disclosure Submission dated March 17, 1998

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